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SUBJ: NARCOTICS WRAP- UP

1. ILLICIT DRUG ACTIVITY REMAINED AT A MODERATE LEVEL DURING MAY. ONE CASE, HOWEVER, WAS BOTH SIGNIFICANT AND SOMEWHAT MYSTERIOUS.

2. THE SECOND MAN?

ON MAY 6, POLICE INVESTIGATED THE WRECKAGE OF A SMALL PRIVATE PLANE IN FOUR FEET OF WATER OFF CHUB CAY. IN THE WRECKAGE THEY FOUND 240 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA AND THE PARTIALLY DECOMPOSED BODY OF A WHITE MALE IDENTIFIED A WEEK LATER AS CLINTON BRUCE BUNN OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA. WHILE THE PLANE WAS DAMAGED BEYOND RECOGNITION AND NO LICENSE OR REGISTRATION WERE FOUND, POLICE CONJECTURED ON THE BASIS OF A PARTIAL SERIAL NUMBER THAT IT MIGHT BE ONE CHARTERED BY MICHAEL J. ZOROVICH MISSING ON A FLIGHT TO MIAMI. ZOROVICH, WHO WAS LISTED AS PILOT OF THE MISSING AIRCRAFT, IS WELL KNOWN IN THE OUT ISLANDS AS AN AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN SUPPOSEDLY OPERATING A FISH EXPORT ENTERPRISE, ALTHOUGH GOBI SPOKESMEN LATER DENIED THAT HE HAD EVER RECEIVED PERMISSION TO DO SO. POLICE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM THAT ZOROVICH WAS ABOARD THE WRECKED PLANE, BUT AT THE END OF MAY HE WAS STILL MISSING. THE INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.

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3. LOCAL STATISTICS FOR THE FIRST THIRD OF 1973

LOCAL MAGISTRATES' RECORDS INDICATE THAT THROUGH APRIL BAHAMIAN AUTHORITIES HAD CONFISCATED AND DESTROYED OVER 2,907 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA AND IMPOSED DOLS 15,805 IN FINES. WELL OVER 75 PERCENT OF BOTH FIGURES WAS ATTRIBUTED TO U. S. CITIZENS. WHILE MOST ENTRY ROUTES ARE WELL KNOWN (AIR JAMAICA IS OFTEN REFERRED TO LOCALLY AS " AIR MARIJUANA"), AUTHORITIES COMPLAIN THAT METHODS OF CONCEALMENT ARE BECOMING MORE SOPHISTICATED, ALTHOUGH THEY NOTE THAT ONE TOURIST IN FREEPORT SAVED THEM THE TROUBLE OF A SEARCH BY LISTING " MARIJUANA" ON HIS CUSTOMS DECLARATION.

4. ON MAY 30, A BILL WAS INTRODUCED AND PASSED IN THE BAHAMIAN HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY TO APPOINT A SELECT COMMITTEE TO ENQUIRE INTO ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO TRAFFICKING, SALES AND USE OF DANGEROUS DRUGS THROUGHOUT THE NATION. MANY MP' S ADVOCATED STRONGER PENALTIES FOR DRUG OFFENSES.

5. ARRESTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

FOUR AMERICAN CITIZENS WERE ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS DRUGS IN MAY.
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